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SUBJECT: CSCE AND MBFR: SOVIET VIEWS

HELSINKI FOR USDLE MPT

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1. DISCUSSION BETWEEN FRENCH AMBASSADOR VIMONT AND Y. V. DUDININ, CHIEF, MFA FIRST EUROPEAN DIVISION (BENELUX, FRANCE, ITALY AND SWITZERLAND) ON MARCH 23 BEARS OUT DEPARTMENTAL CONCERNS SET FORTH PARA 1 OF REFTEL.

2. AT WEEKLY QUADRIPARTITE MEETING MARCH 28, VIMONT REPORTED THAT DUDININ EXPRESSED ANXIETY OVER SLOW PROGRESS AT HELSINKI. DUDININ VOICED FEAR THAT CONFERENCE WOULD NOT MEET BEFORE END OF JUNE AND THAT CONFERENCE MIGHT BE POSTPONED AS RESULT OF LACK OF PROGRESS AT MBFR TALKS.

3. ON MBFR, DUDININ UNDERLINED THAT ESSENTIAL POINT IN MBFR
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FROM SOVIET VIEWPOINT WAS LINK BETWEEN HUNGARY AND ITALY. SOVIETS DID NOT CARE WHAT SOLUTION WAS AGREED TO AS LONG AS THIS LINK REMAINED INTACT AND IN BALANCE. QUESTION OF DIRECT PARTICIPATION OF BOTH COULD BE " PUT ON ICE" OR RESOLVED IN SOME OTHER BALANCED FASHION.

4. COMMENT: MUST BE ASSUMED, OF COURSE, THAT DUDININ REALIZED THAT HIS SELF- SERVING COMMENTS WOULD BE PASSED ON TO ALLIES BY FRENCH.

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